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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a divisional application of prior pending Application No. 10/031,412, filed January 18, 2002,

For (Title): PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF NAPROXENE
NITROXYALKYLESTERS

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1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
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3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☒ Cancel claims 1-5 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Division of Application No. 10/031,412 filed January 18, 2002. The disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. MI99A001753 filed August 4, 1999 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).

8. ☒ The certified copy of the priority document has been received in the prior National Stage Application No. 10/031,412, filed January 18, 2002 from the International Bureau.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to NICOX S.A. recorded at Reel 012758, Frame 0110 on January 18, 2002.
10. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
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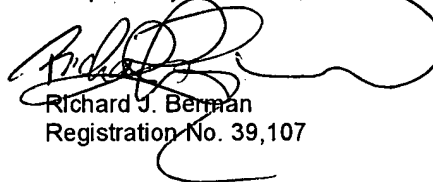
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